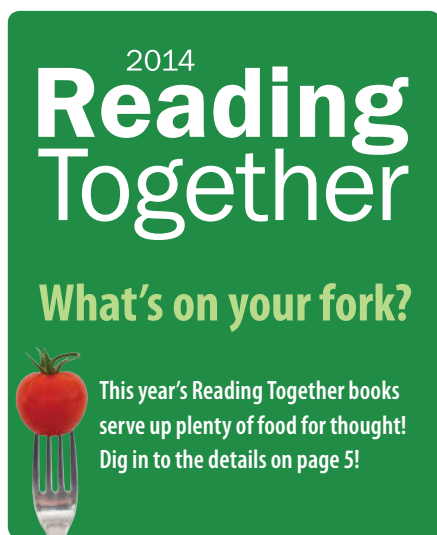




## Welcome to the New *Link*!

KPL's most popular publication will now cover three (rather than two) months of programming and events. In addition, *Link* will now include: information about new services; reviews of books, movies and music; announcements of upcoming releases; and commentary from you - our patrons.



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## Give Your Child a Headstart 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Learning to read begins long before a child starts kindergarten. Reading to your children is the best way to prepare them. Any child from birth to entering kindergarten can participate in this self-paced early literacy program at KPL.

The goal is to share 1,000 books together during these early childhood years. Sharing a book can include singing a book together, talking about the pictures together, reading it cover to cover, or any other way that works for you and your child.

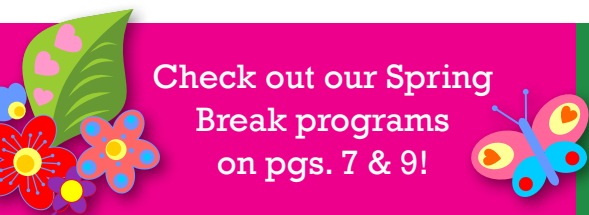
### Get Started *Today*



**climb the literacy ladder**  
1,000 books before kindergarten

- ❶ Sign up at any library location and receive your first 1,000 Books reading log, or download one at [kpl.gov/1000books](http://kpl.gov/1000books)
- ❷ Record each book that you share together on the log. Repetition is great for learning, so feel free to record the same titles again and again.
- ❸ When you complete a log of fifty books, bring your sheet to any KPL location for a small prize.
- ❹ Repeat the process and receive a prize for every completed book log.
- ❺ When you reach 1,000 books recorded, you will receive a gift from the library and a certificate for completing the program!

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Check out our Spring  
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## BOOKS

### Urban Fiction Book Discussion

Tues, March 25, 6 pm, POW

Tues, May 27, 6 pm, POW

This popular street lit group will talk about *Biker Chick* by Dakota Knight in March and *Fly Betty* by Treasure Blue in May. Pick up copies of the novels at Powell desk. Refreshments.

## KALAMAZOO POETRY FESTIVAL

### A Celebration of Poetry and Poets

Fri, April 4, 5 pm, CEN

Enjoy a series of readings not only by established poets in our midst but also by poetry enthusiasts who represent several local organizations.

### R Poetry Workshop with John Rybicki

Sat, April 5, 10 am, WSQ

The class will be an introduction to poetry writing. We will talk about making music with language, and painting so vividly with words they steep a reader in a scene. But the main thrust will be to get students finding an imaginative and emotional power inside themselves. Registration required.

For a complete listing of all Kalamazoo Poetry Festival events, go to [kalamazoopoetryfestival.com](http://kalamazoopoetryfestival.com).

## MUSIC

### GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

Wed, March 5, 7 pm, CEN

Wed, April 2, 7 pm, CEN

Does your guitar, fiddle, or mandolin never leave home? Want to make music with others but think you can't keep up? If you can play basic chords, then you can join GLAMA members for a slow jam.

### GLAMA Community Sing Along

Tues, March 11, 7 pm, CEN

Tues, May 13, 7 pm, CEN

As that old hymn tells us, "Singing makes the burden lighter. Singing drives the care away." Raise your voice alongside other acoustic music lovers with musicians Michael Beauchamp, Kathy Nichols and Patricia Pettinga. Song booklets provided. Just bring your vocal cords!

### Reverend Robert B. Jones, Sr.

Wed, March 19, 7 pm, CEN

For more than 30 years, Reverend Robert B. Jones, Sr. has been a champion of American roots, music and stories. He has performed throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe and the message has always been the same – that traditional American songs and stories have much to teach us. He has been a featured performer at venues as varied as the National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN; the Chicago Blues Festival; MerleFest, Wilkesboro, NC; and the Lutherhaus, Osnabruck, Germany. Robert specializes in the kind of music and stories that have traditionally motivated and sparked social change throughout history.



MARK STUART

### Mark Stuart

Wed, May 21, 7 pm, CEN

After growing up in Nashville, TN and playing professionally from age 15 on, Mark Stuart set his sights on being a recording/touring artist. Much of the time in the 1980s and 1990s he fronted his own roots music band in the southeast US. The rock, blues, country, and folk mixture that poured from his vocals/guitar/piano/songwriting defined him as being more versatile than most artists, musically speaking.

Mark Stuart's 2014 tour will feature a rare segment of paying homage to some of the notable artists he has toured and recorded with in his earlier career as a sideman guitarist (Freddie Fender, Steve Earle, Joan Baez, Steve Forbert, and wife Stacey Earle). Along with anecdotes and tribute songs done in his own style, Stuart will dazzle with his in-demand guitar playing and self-written tunes from his various albums.



REVEREND ROBERT B. JONES, SR.

## HISTORY & GENEALOGY

### Alfonso Iannelli and the Fountain of the Pioneers

Tues, March 18, 7 pm, CEN

Bronson Park's *Fountain of The Pioneers* artist Alfonso Iannelli worked throughout the United States before and after he designed our fountain complex. Please join historic preservation consultant Pam O'Connor as she explores some of Iannelli's design, sculpture, and other work outside Kalamazoo, including some of his collaborative work with internationally-known architects Frank Lloyd Wright and Barry Byrne.

### R Genealogy Lock-In

Fri, April 11, 6-10 pm, CEN

An after-hours event for genealogists. Research in the newly expanded Local History Room. Take advantage of free copying and printing. Registration begins March 24; call 553-7808 or register online.

### From a Pathway to a Highway

Wed, April 23, 7 pm, CEN

A journey down the "Old Sauk Trail" - US 12 - from Detroit to New Buffalo with visits to: historic sites, buildings, railroad stations, Irish hills, a WWII bomber plant, a meat market, Featherbone Factory, an 1832 land office, taverns, and a camelback bridge. A whimsical presentation by a whimsical professor Dr. John S. Geisler, WMU Professor Emeritus.



### R Intro to Genealogy

Thurs, May 1, 2 pm, OSH

Learn how to start compiling your family tree through databases like Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, KPL's index to local publications, plus important print sources, major collections, and more. Registration required; call 553-7808 or register online starting April 14.

### The Kalamazoo Mall

Thurs, May 8, 7 pm, CEN

How did the Kalamazoo Mall come to be – whose idea was it, how did it evolve from its original island oasis design to what it is today? Explore the history of the Mall since the 1950s with Sharon Ferraro.

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## Running in Kalamazoo



by Angela Fortin, Librarian, OSH

Spring – and the end of ice, snow, and freezing temperatures – is around the corner! Enjoy the warmer days and make good on your New Year's resolution to get fit by running. The Kalamazoo area is host to several races this spring: Kal-Haven Trail Run (April 5), Consumers Sunburst Run/Walk (April 26), Kalamazoo Marathon (May 4), Girls on the Run (May 22), and Kalamazoo Classic (June 14). If you're interested in running a race, you can join a local training group through the Kalamazoo Area Runners or Gazelle Sports to keep you on track. And don't forget to check out the library's collection of resources on running!

### Runner's World magazine

The most popular running periodical, available in print at KPL and as a digital magazine download through the library's Zinio portal.

### The Beginning Runner's Handbook by Ian MacNeill

This great starter manual provides basic information on the science and psychology of exercise, choosing shoes and clothing, technique and form, safety and injury prevention, as well as a 13-week training program with stretches and exercises.

### Complete Book of Running by Runner's World

This thorough guide covers everything from nutrition to cross-training, and includes a marathon training program.

### The Little Red Book of Running by Scott Douglas

This small book contains 250 tips for running further, faster, safer, and more frequently.

Search the KPL Catalog for more running resources, available on [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov).





## A new year, a BETTER bookstore!

We at the Friends listen to our customers, and we take your feedback very seriously. We have been working very hard to improve your shopping experience. If you haven't been in a while, stop in, we think you will like what you see!

First, we have expanded some categories of popular genres while reducing others. We have also grouped materials by subject so if you are interested in finding more on a particular topic, you will have plenty to choose from.

We hope you enjoy your shopping experience at Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library. If you have any suggestions, please share them by visiting [www.kpl.gov/friends/contact.aspx](http://www.kpl.gov/friends/contact.aspx).

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## & MORE

### **R Beginning Yoga** Tues, March 4 & May 6, 6 pm, EAS

Join us for a beginning yoga class led by Bailey Mead, RYT. This gentle class will provide an introduction to the basics of yoga, focusing on simple stretching postures using breath and awareness, while building strength and flexibility. The class will end with quiet guided relaxation. Bring a yoga mat and dress comfortably. Registration required.

### **Free Tax Prep** Wed, March 5, 10 am-3 pm, CEN Tue, March 11, 2-7 pm, EAS Wed, March 26, 10 am-3 pm, CEN Wed, April 9, 10 am-3 pm, CEN (Walk-in site)

Free tax preparation for those with household income under \$52,000 in 2013, prepared by IRS-certified VITA tax volunteers.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Appointment required for all dates except April 9. Call 211 to schedule and learn what to bring.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** During tax prep at Central Library, you can e-file your own taxes using 'self-assist' computers provided by VITA, if you wish.

### **Couponers Exchange** Thurs, March 6, 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, 5 pm, EAS

Interested in saving money and sharing your couponing ideas with others? If you are a coupon clipper, bring the ones you won't use and exchange for ones you will.

### **R Matter of Balance** Tuesdays, March 11 - April 29, 1-3 pm, OSH (8 week session)

Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. This 8-week workshop is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Presented by Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging, IIIA. Refreshments. Registration required, call 553-7992.

### **Ask a Lawyer** Thurs, March 13, 6 pm, CEN Fri, March 14, 11:30 am, CEN Tue, April 1, 6 pm, POW Thurs, April 10, 6 pm, CEN Fri, April 11, 11:30 am, CEN Thurs, May 8, 6 pm, CEN Fri, May 9, 11:30 am, CEN

Free legal clinics for persons of low to moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law. For a free 20-minute appointment, call: Central Library, 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

### **R Personal Action Toward Health (PATH)** Wednesdays, March 26 - April 30, 1:30-4 pm, WSQ (6 week session)

This 6-week workshop is designed to help adults learn techniques and strategies for the day-to-day management of chronic or long-term health conditions, including arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, emphysema, asthma, bronchitis and depression. Presented by Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging, IIIA. Refreshments. Registration required, call 553-7992.

### **African Salads and Drinks** Tues, April 29, 6pm, POW

Learn the African roots of some of our favorite foods, eating lighter from the African Diaspora.

### **Amateur Astronomy** Tues, May 13, 6:30 pm, EAS

Join experts of the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society and learn basic skills needed for a successful evening of star gazing.

**R** Registration required. Call location listed or register online at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) starting 30 days before event.

## ENTREES



### **Meet the Author: Tracie McMillan** Wed, March 5, 7 pm, Kalamazoo Central HS Auditorium

Award-winning journalist and Michigan native Tracie McMillan will share her experiences in California farm fields, the produce aisle of a Detroit Walmart, and the kitchen of a New York City Applebee's on her path to discovering the origins of the food on our plates, in her bestselling novel: *The American Way of Eating: Undercover at Walmart, Applebee's, Farm Fields and the Dinner Table*.

Michigan News Agency will sell copies of *The American Way of Eating* at the event.



### **Meet the Author: Novella Carpenter** Tues, April 15, 7 pm, Kalamazoo Central HS Auditorium

Farming is not the typical occupation for most urbanites – unless you are Novella Carpenter. Hear how she converted her ramshackle, weed-choked backyard in inner-city Oakland into an efficient farm complete with veggies, turkeys, ducks and pigs. *Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer*, is a true-life testament of the possibilities of a self-sustaining lifestyle! Carpenter currently teaches at the University of San Francisco.

Michigan News Agency will sell copies of *Farm City* at the event.

### **Campus Visit: Novella Carpenter** Wed, April 16, 1:15 pm, Kalamazoo College

Hear Novella's thoughts on how human beings are connected to the natural world.

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## SIDES

### **Raising Animals for Food** Tues, March 11, 6:30 pm, OSH

A panel of farmers who raise animals for food will discuss their relationships with the animals.

### **The Farming Life** Tues, March 18, 6:30 pm, OSH

Meet local farmers who chose to start farming during a risky and uncertain economy.

### **Author Peggy Wolff with Bonnie Jo Campbell** **Fried Walleye and Cherry Pie: Midwestern Writers on Food** Wed, March 19, 7 pm, People's Church, 1758 N 10th St

Wolff looks at the arc of Midwestern food through the lenses of the most reputable writers from the Midwest.

### **Cooking Demonstration** Tues, March 25, 6:30 pm, EAS

Learn quick and easy, fresh and healthy recipes!

### **Beyond Food for Thought** Wed, March 26, 6:30 pm, Portage District Library

Inspired by this year's Reading Together books, hear the stories of community members who turned ideas gleaned from books, experiences and memories into actions that changed their lives.

### **The Farmworker Story** Tues, April 1, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Hear the stories of former farmworkers about their experiences in the fields and their advocacy for farmworkers to have safe and dignified working conditions.



### **Food Security or Food Justice: Does it Really Matter?** With Karika Phillips, Kalamazoo County Center for Health Equity Thurs, April 3, 7 pm, Bronson Gilmore Center for Health Education, 7 Healthcare Plaza

Learn about the difference between "disparity" and "inequity" for food security and critically examine and evaluate the social determinants of health.

### **Farmer's Market 101** Tues, April 8, 7 pm, CEN

Learn the history of farmer's markets and what the future holds for them.

### **Container Gardening** Thurs, April 10, 3 pm, OSH

Get a head start planning your own container garden.

## MIDDAY FILM SERIES

Bring your lunch and enjoy some of the newest documentaries about food and farming at Kalamazoo Valley Museum, Stryker Theatre, 230 N Rose St.

### **Asparagus!: Stalking the American Life** Mon, March 10, 12 pm

Oceana County Michigan, the Asparagus Capital of the World for the last 30 years, takes on the U.S. War on Drugs, Free Trade and a Fast Food Nation.

### **Soul Food Junkies** Mon, March 17, 12 pm

Filmmaker Byron Hurt sets out to learn about the rich culinary tradition of soul food.

### **Grow!** Mon, March 24, 12 pm

Learn about the newest generation of sustainable farmers and their efforts to live an agrarian life.



# Tween & Teen events

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**R** Registration required. Call location listed or register online at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) starting 30 days before event.

## Chess Challenge

**Saturdays, March-May, 1-3pm, OSH**  
Stop by the Oshtemo Library on Saturday afternoons for some informal chess matches. Chess boards provided. Share your expertise and learn from others!

## Teen Tech Week: Makerbot, All Ages

**Thurs, March 13, 6:30 pm, CEN, Teen Area**  
Learn how 3-D printers are revolutionizing the way we make everything from toys to medical devices. Kevin Wixson will demonstrate digital printing and painting in the Teen Area. Presented in partnership with the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

## J-Pop Club, Gr 6-12

**Mon, March 17, April 21 & May 19, 3:30 pm, CEN**  
Enjoy Japanese anime, manga, Pocky and food. Drop in any time during the event!

## Pizza & Pages, Gr 5-12

**Tues, March 18, 4 pm, EAS, Divergent**  
Stop by Eastwood and pick up a copy of *Divergent* by Veronica Roth. It's our way of saying: Read it before you see it at the movies! Take it home, read it, then discuss it over pizza!

## RAWK, Gr 5-12

**Wed, March 19, 4 pm, POW**  
**Thurs, March 20, 4 pm, WSQ**  
"Like Our Lives Depend On It." Read and Write Kalamazoo (RAWK) explores wild ways of writing (and thinking) about food.

## Egyptian Hieroglyphs Ages 10 and up

**Thurs, March 27, 4:30 pm, OSH**  
**Sat, March 29, 1 pm, CEN**  
Join Dr. Tom Landvatter of Kalamazoo College to learn about Ancient Egypt and the language of the pharaohs, with an introductory lesson on how to read Egyptian Hieroglyphs. All materials will be provided.

## **R** Babysitting Workshop, Ages 12+

**Thursdays, April 17 & 24**  
**May 1, 8, 15 & 22, 4:00-5:30 pm, WSQ (6 week session)**  
Learn how to be a safe and successful babysitter by attending a 6-week workshop presented by Veronica Bolhuis, MSUE Kalamazoo County 4-H Program Coordinator. Space is limited. Registration required.



## DIY: Green Crafts, Gr 5-12

**Tues, April 22, 4 pm, EAS**  
**Wed, April 23, 4 pm, POW**  
Celebrate Earth Day by turning recycling into craft projects. Materials supplied.

## Free Comic Book Day, Gr 5-12

**Sat, May 3, 9:00-5:00, CEN, Teen Area**  
Celebrate comics! Get a free comic book from your library (while supplies last). Pick up in the Teen Area.

## DIY: Book Crafts, Gr 5-12

**Tues, May 6, 4 pm, EAS**  
**Wed, May 7, 4 pm, POW**  
Turn books into art! Handmade items make great Mother's Day gifts, too! We supply the materials; you supply the creativity.

## Tape It!, Gr 5-12

**Thurs, May 8, 4:30pm, OSH**  
We'll have a rainbow of colors, patterns and sizes of tape. Washi tape, duct tape, and packing tape too!

# Three Book Battle

**May 31, CEN**



Attention all area middle school students! A new Battle of the Books program is coming to Kalamazoo Public Library. Teen Services is excited to announce, Three Book Battle, where teams of three compete in three rounds of questions from three books to become the Battle Champion! Don't delay, grab three friends and register today!

## The Fine Print:

- ▶ Teams of three
- ▶ 6th-8th grade only!
- ▶ Name your team, register online at [kpl.gov/tbb](http://kpl.gov/tbb) or call **553-7807** (you will need one contact email and team name when you register)
- ▶ Three books have been carefully selected by Teen Services staff and will be revealed on March 31, 2014
- ▶ Team sets will be available for pickup in the Teen Area at Central Library from March 31 - May 15
- ▶ Teams must register three participants with a valid team name and contact information to obtain the free set of team battle books
- ▶ All Battles (preliminary rounds and final battle) will take place on Saturday, May 31 at the Central Library
- ▶ Preliminary round times will be assigned after registration closes and posted online with team names at [kpl.gov/tbb](http://kpl.gov/tbb). The battle final will take place at 3:00 pm.

## Three Book Battle

**Sat, May 31, CEN**

**Preliminary Battles begin at 12:30, Final Battle at 3 pm**

Teams of three 6th-8th graders will battle for the **Three Book Battle** championship! Teams may register from now until May 15. Team sets of three battle books will be available for pickup in the Teen Area at Central starting March 31. For rules and more information, please check out the news article on page 7 of the *Link* newsletter and our website [www.kpl.gov/three-book-battle](http://www.kpl.gov/three-book-battle).



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## Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.), Gr 6-12

**Mon, March 3, April 7 & May 5, 3:30 pm, CEN**  
Plan programs and service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and web sites, eat snacks, play games, and have fun!

## Game Central, Gr 5-12

**Sat, March 22 & April 12, 2 pm, CEN**  
From the newest favorites to old classics, it's an afternoon of strategy, skill and fun. Choose from one of our many board, card or video games, or bring one of your own!

## Michael Jackson: The Experience, Gr 5-12

**Wed, April 9, 4 pm, POW**  
Play the Wii and win prizes. Dance like you've never danced before to your favorite Michael Jackson hits.

## Found Poetry, Gr 5-12

**Thur, April 10, 4 pm, EAS**  
It's National Poetry Month! Take time to create with words. Choose words from magazines and find the poetry that speaks to you.



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# events Kids

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## R Music and Make Believe: The Perfect Purple Feather, Ages 3-6

### 5 SESSIONS!

Tues, March 18  
9:30 and 10:30 am, CEN  
Wed, March 19  
9:30 and 10:30 am, CEN  
Thurs, March 20,  
10:30 am, OSH

Music and Make Believe features a story, craft, and music by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's string quartet based on *The Perfect Purple Feather* by Hanoch Piven. Registration required. Groups welcome. Please call 553-7804.



**R Cat in the Hat, Ages 5-7**  
Saturdays, March 1 & 8, 10 am, CEN  
Sat, March 15, 1 pm, Civic Auditorium  
Learn about acting, expressive movement in storytelling, and how to create a good character. Based on the adventures of the Cat in the Hat! **Plan to attend all three sessions** to participate. Series co-sponsored by the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre.

## Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Family

Sat, March 1, 10 am – 12 pm, OSH  
Drop in and make a craft to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday a day early!

## LEGO at the Library, All Ages

Saturdays, March 1, April 5,  
and May 3, 10:30 am, OSH  
Tues, March 4, 6:30 pm, WSQ  
Mon, March 10, 4:30 pm, POW  
Saturdays, March 15, April 19,  
and May 17, 10:30 am, CEN  
Thurs, April 17, 4:30 pm, EAS  
Tues, May 6, 6:30 pm, WSQ  
Build, create, and imagine with other LEGO fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder.

## First Saturday

Sat, March 1, 2-4 pm, CEN  
April 5, 2-4 pm, CEN  
May 3, 2-4 pm, CEN  
Take your family to the library the first Saturday of every month! Enjoy stories, activities, guests, and door prizes! In March, celebrate Bookamania with KPS. In April, we'll do some STEM activities with the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, and in May, we'll have fun with the Kalamazoo Literacy Council.

**R Read with Bailey**  
Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26,  
4-5:30 pm, POW  
Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,  
4-5:30 pm, OSH  
Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience. Read to Bailey, the loveable Schnoodle dog. Registration required. Call location to register.

**Toddler Talk, 1-3 years**  
Wed, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 am, OSH  
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 am, OSH  
May 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 am, OSH  
Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of parenting 1-3 year olds with parent educator/facilitator.

**Baby Talk, birth – 12 months**  
Wed, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:30 pm, OSH  
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1:30 pm, OSH  
May 7, 14, 21, 28, 1:30 pm, OSH  
Talk about care of babies up to one year with other parents. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

**R "Drive in" Movie**  
Wed, March 19, 10:30 am, POW  
Thurs, May 15, 10:30 am, EAS  
Decorate a cardboard box "car" and then enjoy a short film and snack. For preschoolers and their caregivers. Registration required.

## Healthy, Green Snacks for Kids, Ages 6-11



Mon, March 24 4:30-5:30 pm, POW  
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by making some nutritious and delicious snacks.

**Bookworms**  
Thurs, March 27, 4:30 pm, CEN  
Thurs, April 24, 4:30 pm, CEN  
Thurs, May 22, 4:30 pm, CEN  
A book club for kids and their grownups. In March, we'll read *Bunnicula* by Deborah Howe. In April, we'll read *A Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden. In May, we'll read *Pippi Longstocking* by Astrid Lindgren.

**T Bubbleman, Family**  
Fri, March 28, 2 and 3:30 pm, CEN  
Ron Loyd, the Bubbleman, returns to delight and amaze us with bubble tricks and demonstrations! Space limited. FREE ticket required.

KPL is a wonderful library.  
It's a beautiful building with lots of special programs for kids, families and singles. There are several branch libraries that make it easier for people who may not be able to get to the Central Library. It's one of my favorite places to be!  
- Jenna Cook

**T High Flying Fun with the Air Zoo, All Ages**  
Mon, April 7, 1 and 2 pm, OSH  
Learn about the wonders of flight with the Air Zoo. Make your own kite and discover the forces that make flight possible! Space limited. FREE ticket required.

**T Chemical Kim presents Sustaining Chemistry: Going Green Through Science Ages 5 and up**  
Tues, April 8, 2 pm, EAS  
Chemical Kim presents, "Sustaining Chemistry: Going Green Through Science", a science show for kids ages 6 and up. Space is limited. FREE ticket required.

**T Capoeira with CDO West Michigan, Family**  
Tues, April 8, 6:30 pm, POW,  
Moves by Cordao De Ouro West Michigan! Capoeira is an afro-brazilian art form that includes martial arts, dance, and acrobatics! Space limited. FREE ticket required.

**R Miss Lisa: Stories and Dance, Ages 3-6**  
Wed, April 9, 10:30 am, CEN  
Thurs, April 10, 10:30 am, EAS  
Fri, April 11, 10:30 am, POW  
Movement and stories for preschoolers! Wear comfortable clothing. Registration required.

**Western Dance Project, All Ages**  
Wed, April 9, 11 am, CEN  
Stunning modern dance, performed by WMU students in the library's dramatic rotunda.  
**T Binder Park Zoomobile, All Ages**  
Thurs, April 10, 1 and 2 pm, WSQ  
See animals up close and personal with our friends from Binder Park Zoo! Space limited. FREE ticket required.

**Movie & Snacks: Frozen, All Ages**  
Fri, April 11, 3 pm, POW  
*Frozen* is Disney's newest fairytale about overcoming obstacles and the power of true love, featuring princess sisters Anna and Elsa and a cast of animated, hilarious friends.

**T Didge-ucation, All Ages**  
Fri, April 11, 2 pm, CEN  
Learn about Australian aboriginal history, art and culture. Then create your own Didgeridoo! Space limited. FREE ticket required.

**R Marble Run Mania, Ages 6-11**  
Sat, April 12, 10:30 am, CEN  
Put your STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) building skills to the test by building your own marble run! Registration required.

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# events Kids

MARCH • APRIL • MAY

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## Stay and Play at KPL!

All KPL locations include areas for play and learning for our youngest visitors. You'll find puzzles, toys, early literacy computer stations and more!

Central Library's new story room, Story Place, is now open for fun! When a program is not in session, the room is open for families to visit and play. We'll periodically have new play activities or experiences set up, perfect for new learners to enjoy! We also have a great collection of building toys, puzzles, games and more.



### Pigeon Party, All Ages

Fri, April 4, 10:30-11:30 am, CEN

Celebrate one of our favorite characters, Mo Willems' Pigeon, at our drop-in Pigeon Party. Pigeon storytime starts at 10:30 am. Then we'll make pigeon artwork and play a pigeon game. Enter for a chance to win Willems' new book, *The Pigeon Needs a Bath*.

### Kids Poetry with RAWK

Gr 3-5

Tues, April 15, 4:30 pm, CEN

Poetry and crafting with local jewelry artist Meg Tang and the good people from Read and Write Kalamazoo (RAWK).

### R Little Scientists: Gravity Ages 3-6

Thurs, April 17, 6:30 pm, CEN

Let's explore Gravity together through stories and hands-on activities. Registration required.

### Earth Day, Family

Sat, April 19, 1 pm, OSH

Learn how nature and people recycle in this interactive program led by former Kalamazoo County recycling coordinator, Steve Leuty. We'll also make recycled crafts.

### T Gilmore Festival Family Concert, Family

Sat, April 26, 10:30 am and 1 pm, OSH

Classical music that sounds like pop and pop music that sounds classical! A grand piano in the library! Billboard topping artists, Anderson & Roe are known for their adrenaline-filled performances. Join us for an informal piano concert in the round. All ages welcome!

### Dia de los Niños Celebration, All Ages

Tues, April 29, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Join us for a bilingual storytime, crafts, and other activities in celebration of Dia de los Niños! A free book will be given to the first 75 children, birth – 5th grade.

### R Peter and the Wolf with the KSO Woodwind Quintet, Gr 1-5

Sat, May 10, 10:30 and noon, CEN

Join us for a presentation of this classic composition with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's Woodwind Quintet. Performance, craft, and an instrument petting zoo. Fun for the whole family! Siblings welcome. This performance is part of the Family Fun Chamber Music Series and sponsored in part by Biggby. Registration required.

### R Squishy Circuits for Kids Ages 6-11

Thurs, May 15, 6:30 pm, CEN

Explore squishy circuits – electrical circuits made with play dough and your creativity! Registration required.

## Let's Celebrate Spring

### Washington Square Branch Library Spring Celebration, All Ages

Sat, May 10, 10:30 am – 12 pm

Join us for Taiko Drums with Carolyn Koebel, the Fresh Food Fairy, a plant exchange, crafts for kids, and more to celebrate the start of spring and warmer weather!

### Powell Branch Library Spring Fling – a Community Celebration! All Ages

Tues, May 20, 6 pm, POW

Activities for kids and adults. Includes food and music provided by Truth Tone Records. Features partner Northglade Montessori School and other community agencies and businesses.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up FREE ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

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## storytimes

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers.

Siblings may attend as guests.

### Preschool Storytime Ages 3.5 - 5

Tues, March 4, 11, 18, 25,  
10:30 am, CEN

Stories, songs, and activities for preschoolers and their caregivers.

### R Yoga Storytime

Mon, March 10, 10:30 am, CEN

Wed, April 16, 10:30 am, POW

Thurs, May 1, 10:30 am, EAS

Movement and literacy go hand-in-hand in this engaging storytime. We'll read great stories and pair them with yoga poses kids will love. Wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats or a towel welcome but not required. Registration required.

### Musical Storytime, All Ages

Mon, March 24, April 28,

May 19, 6:30 pm, CEN

Favorite songs, stories, and special guests with Mr. Bill.

### Toddler Storytime, Ages 2-3

Tues, Wed, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,  
10:30 am, CEN

Songs, movement, and stories for toddlers.

### Baby Lapsit, Birth - Walking

Tues, May 6, 13, 20, 27,  
9:30 am, CEN

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

### Baby Steps, Walkers – 24 months

Tues, May 6, 13, 20, 27,  
10:30 am, CEN

Rhymes, songs, and books, for little ones from walking to 24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

### Hora del Cuento Bilingüe

Martes, 13 de Mayo, 6:30 de la

tarde, WSQ, 0-5 años de edad

¡Acompáñenos para una hora del cuento bilingüe para la familia! ¡Cuentos, cantos y actividades para niños en Español! Hermanos bienvenidos.

### Family Storytime

Stories and activities designed for birth-5.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW

March 5, 12, 19, 26

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

May 7, 14, 21, 28

Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS & OSH

March 6, 13, 20, 27

April 3, 10, 17, 24

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30





## Director's Note



The impact KPL has on our community is more than just what happens within our walls. It goes far beyond, thanks to the

more than 400 community partners who support us each year. Our relationships vary. Some are true collaborations, some may be just one program, while others are ongoing, and some involve donations to the library, while others are in-kind, nonprofit partners. Regardless of the scale of partnership, be they grand or small, they all enrich and empower KPL to make a difference.

### Our Partners

Our "best" friends are the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library, an independent group founded in 1959, who are "dedicated to promoting the library as an essential institution in our community." Revenues from the sale of "gently used books, very gently priced" from their bookstore located on the lower level of Central Library, and their periodic special sales, generate nearly \$50,000 which they donate to the library annually. Their generous donation pays for all of our summer reading games and events, and helps support other programs and services.

Kalamazoo Public Schools (KPS) has been a long supporter and friend of KPL. KPS

is a strong believer and partner in early literacy, and our goal is to ensure that every KPS student has a KPL card. All first graders visit a KPL location three times during the school year. Among other initiatives, we work together on: *Summer Reading Games*, *Global Reading Challenge*; *First Saturday @ KPL*; *The Literacy Passport* (a partnership with Powell Branch and Northglade Elementary), and *Lift Up Through Literacy*. KPL also offers plenty of homework help and support for all students.

Great Start Collaborative, Head Start, KC Ready 4's, and local pediatricians are among our many partners for our preschool initiatives and our Ready to Read program. One of our oldest, and most popular annual events, *Party in the Park*, is a direct result of these partnerships.

*Reading Together*, our community reading program, involves many different partners depending upon the book. This year with a local food theme we have nearly 30 partners led by People's Food Co-op, Fair Food Matters, Bronson Hospital, and several local farmers.

We value our partnerships, and we always welcome more! If your organization is interested in working with KPL, please let us know at **partnerships@kpl.gov**.

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## One Day in the Life of Kalamazoo Public Library

**Tues, April 15, All Day, All Locations**

On April 15, KPL will hold our second annual **Library Snapshot Day** – a day in which we capture

all the ways our community uses the library in a single day: how many people visit, the number of items checked out, the number of digital downloads from home, the number of questions answered by library staff, and how many people attend an event at the library.

You can also see photos of what happens behind the scenes as staff take snapshots of their day. You can follow the day's activities on Flickr, Facebook, and Twitter and the KPL website homepage. Join in the fun! Share a photo with us of you using the library on April 15 on Facebook or Twitter. Use the hashtag **#kplsnapshot**.



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